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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 29 July 1985

2. (Williams) The Configuration Control Board met this afternoon on a number of requests for change in the modernization plan. Action on the number of XYVISION systems was deferred so that Lockheed can examine alternative systems. We were assured there would be full redundancy so that the production process would not be crippled if one system went down. Lockheed will be consulting with DRD personnel on the alternatives they are considering to unearth any operational problems.

Action on the number of Atex terminals was also deferred. I said that we felt that 53 was the irreducible number of terminals for DRD and WSS and felt that anything less than the full requirement was suboptimization. The Chairman had stated that the Atex terminals were designed to be operated eight hours a day to obtain full benefit. I said that reducing the terminals on such grounds would be to repeat one of the oldest computer errors--changing the people when it was found you couldn't change the system. It would create insupportable staffing problems in DRD, assigning people to various terminals daily as staffing levels rose and fell with leaves, winter flu, resignations, whathaveyou. The Chairman ended the meeting by verifying that everyone in DRD would get an Atex terminal regardless of decisions affecting Prod and AG; Lockheed will look into alternative systems for Prod and AG in this area also.

The latest system plan calls for the full unclassified system--DRD, JPRS, Prod and Commo to be delivered simultaneously in 27 1/2 months, late 1987. The classified system is to follow six months later, with the field system to follow on after the others; there are no funds for the field system at this time. The first contractor design review will take place on or about 1 December of this year. Nothing much is likely to happen before then.

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